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Whereas the United States had never recognized the forcible incorporation of the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the former Soviet Union;

Whereas the declaration on May 4, 1990, of the reestablishment of full sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Latvia furthered the disintegration of the former Soviet Union;

Whereas Latvia since then has successfully built democracy, passed legislation on human and minority rights that conform to European and international norms, ensured the rule of law, developed a free market economy, and consistently pursued a course of integration into the community of free and democratic nations by seeking membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and

Whereas Latvia, as a result of the progress of its political and economic reforms, has made, and continues to make, a significant contribution toward the maintenance of international peace and stability by, among other actions, its participation in NATO-led peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2        *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3                (1) congratulates Latvia on the occasion of the  
 4                10th anniversary of the reestablishment of its inde-  
 5                pendence and the role it played in the disintegration  
 6                of the former Soviet Union; and

7                (2) commends Latvia for its success in imple-  
 8                menting political and economic reforms, which may

- 1 further speed the process of that country's integra-
- 2 tion into European and Western institutions.

Passed the House of Representatives July 17, 2000.

Attest:

*Clerk.*